

## SOCALAMX CALENDAR

### 26th Annual Street Masters Christmas Cruise For The Kids

(Toys For Tots)  
Sunday, December 11th, 2011  
Torrey Pines High School, Del Mar, CA  
<http://www.streetmasters.org/>

### Heights Cruisers Monthly Donut & Coffee Run

1st Saturday each month - 7:30am  
Krispy Kreme Donuts Store  
@ the Puente Hills Mall  
Azusa & 60 Freeway, Hacienda Heights, CA

### 25th Annual Burger Run

January 14, 2012  
270 S. Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA  
8AM - 1PM  
<http://www.burgerrun.info/>

### Grand National Roadster Show

January 27-29, 2012  
LA Fairplex, Pomona, CA  
<http://www.rodshows.com/gnrs/>

Join SoCalAMX so you can automatically receive updates and details of events listed above.  
Go to [socalamx.net/join.htm](http://socalamx.net/join.htm)

Check out  
"socalculture.com"  
for listings of shows in S. Cal!

### Upcoming Shows for the New Year!

January 27-29—**Grand National Roadster Show** held at the LA County Fairplex. This is an amazing show to go to and see all the custom cars on display. It's just not possible that car's bodies and paints could be altered to such states to arouse your visual senses. Dave & Kati Chick and myself go every year now and park inside the fence which allows

our cars to be part of the show. [rodshows.com/gnrs/](http://rodshows.com/gnrs/). It is important to sign up early as the event sells out before the show. Use this link to download the correct flyer.

<http://snipurl.com/gnrs12>

The cost is \$50 but that includes entry for two adults and the parking fee to park inside the gates next to the buildings (pre-73 cars only.)



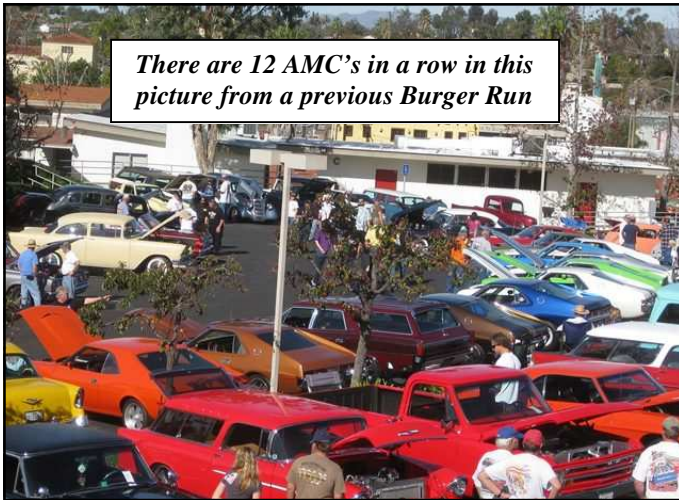
*There's plenty to see and do all day at the show!*



*This is one tricked out ice cream truck!*

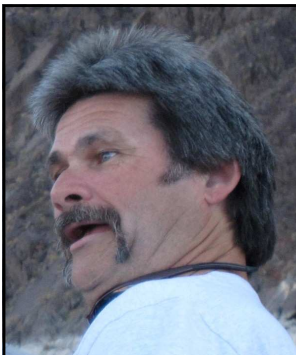
## More Shows Coming Up!

January 14—**Burger Run**. Every year the show just gets bigger and bigger, with last year's show of over 500 cars. What makes this show unique are the custom hand made trophies. Each of the past three years we have had about 10 AMC cars in attendance. Hopefully we'll see you there this year.



*The following from Randy Kirby..*

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> is a Toys for Tot's** car show in the La Jolla/Del Mar area, Stu talked me into doing this show 4 years ago & we've made it each year, 2 years ago it rained & I drove my new Camaro to it, it's an open show, so drive whatever the weather lets you drive.



I would like to make this a Memorial type show for Stu, meaning, if possible, bringing an extra toy, or cash donation to the show, to donate in Stu's name. I think he would like that.

The entry fee to this show is an unwrapped toy, that's it! It even includes a pancake breakfast, if you get there early enough. They have one of the best raffles you'll see too.

If you can't make it, & would like to donate, get it to one of the members going, it's for the kids, life is tough enough without enjoying your childhood.

## Heights Cruisers

For the AMC'ers who live in or near the San Gabriel Valley there is a small but growing car cruise on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Krispy Kreme in Hacienda Heights.

The coffee and & donut shop is located at Azusa and the 60 freeway. The show gets going around 7:30am and lasts for no longer than a couple of hours.

Of course I have been the only AMC to ever show up there, but I was hoping next month on January 7 a few of you would join me there and shake things up!

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WEBSITE  
CHANGE

Something new for 2012 is going to be the calendar page on the SoCalAMX web site. I was testing it out today and will load it up with next year's events before switching to it publically.

Some of the neat features of using Google Calendar is that the events listed in SoCalAMX's calendar can be copied to your personal Google Calendar with just one mouse click. Also with another mouse click you'll be able to get a Google map and driving directions to the event.

The Google Calendar also has the ability to allow others to help me keep it updated on a regular basis. Hi Randy! Hint!! I'll remind everyone next month about the new calendar.

# AMC Reunion 2011

The 2011 Las Vegas AMC Reunion is already over and a month past us. Mark Ogulnick and his club put on another really fine car show, their 6<sup>th</sup> car show already. I've attended all of them and I think I liked this one the best because the total number of 60 cars is the highest to date.

This year there were two convoys of AMC cars going to the show, one on Thursday and another on Friday. I guess I lucked out deciding to leave on Thursday because my oil dip stick tube broke off at the block and I had to deal with that before I could leave.

On Friday everybody met up at a gold mine off of Highway 95 for a tour of the facilities and a history lesson. By the time we left for the next event, a bar-b-q in Boulder City, rain started to pour down. Even so there were few no shows and the gas grill was going non-stop for several hours until everything was nearly devoured. Randy Kirby surprised everyone by wearing long pants for a change, leaving Andy Ray and myself the only ones wearing short pants. The rain storm started to clear by the end of the bar-b-q.

Saturday morning dawned sunny, bright and clear, although a tad bit cold. The highs forecast for the day were like 60 degrees, but I think it was slightly warmer. The show came off without a hitch, lasting 6 hours. Afterwards everyone filed into the banquet room for the awards ceremony. SoCalAMX took home a stash of 4 trophies in total, Randy Kirby, Steve Fox, Jeff Jung, and myself.

Everybody split pretty early on Sunday. I'm ready for next year's show already!

My pictures of the show can be viewed on my SmugMug page at: [snipurl.com/amc2011](http://snipurl.com/amc2011)

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# AM to AM/FM STEREO RADIO CONVERSION

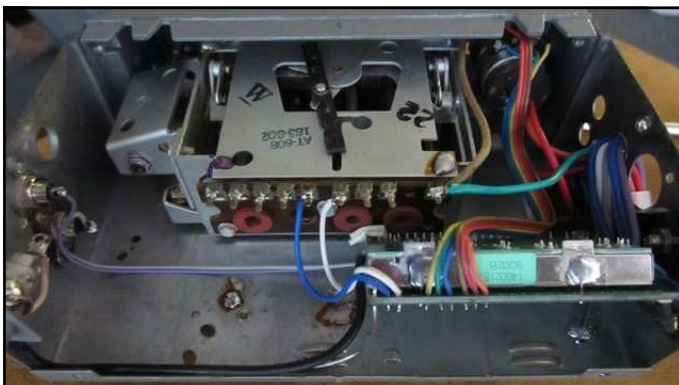
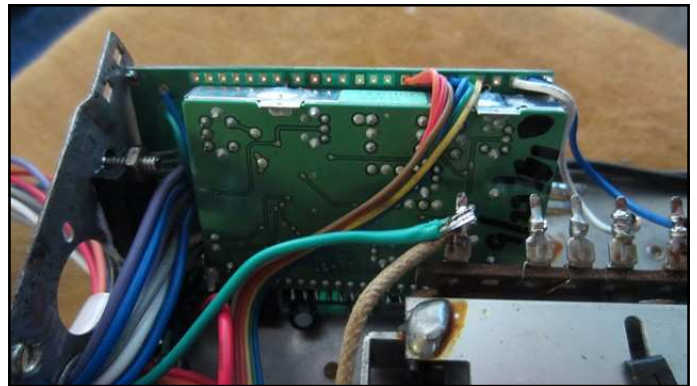
For the past seven years I've had a Sony CD radio in my AMX and it has worked fine. I purposely bought a model that had little bling on the face of it as to not attract attention to the fact it was not the stock radio.

This past month I sent an original equipment AM radio to a shop in Florida, who pulled the old guts out and put a state of the art AM/FM stereo module in it, and added RCA plug input jacks to allow the use of any iPod to input music into the radio.

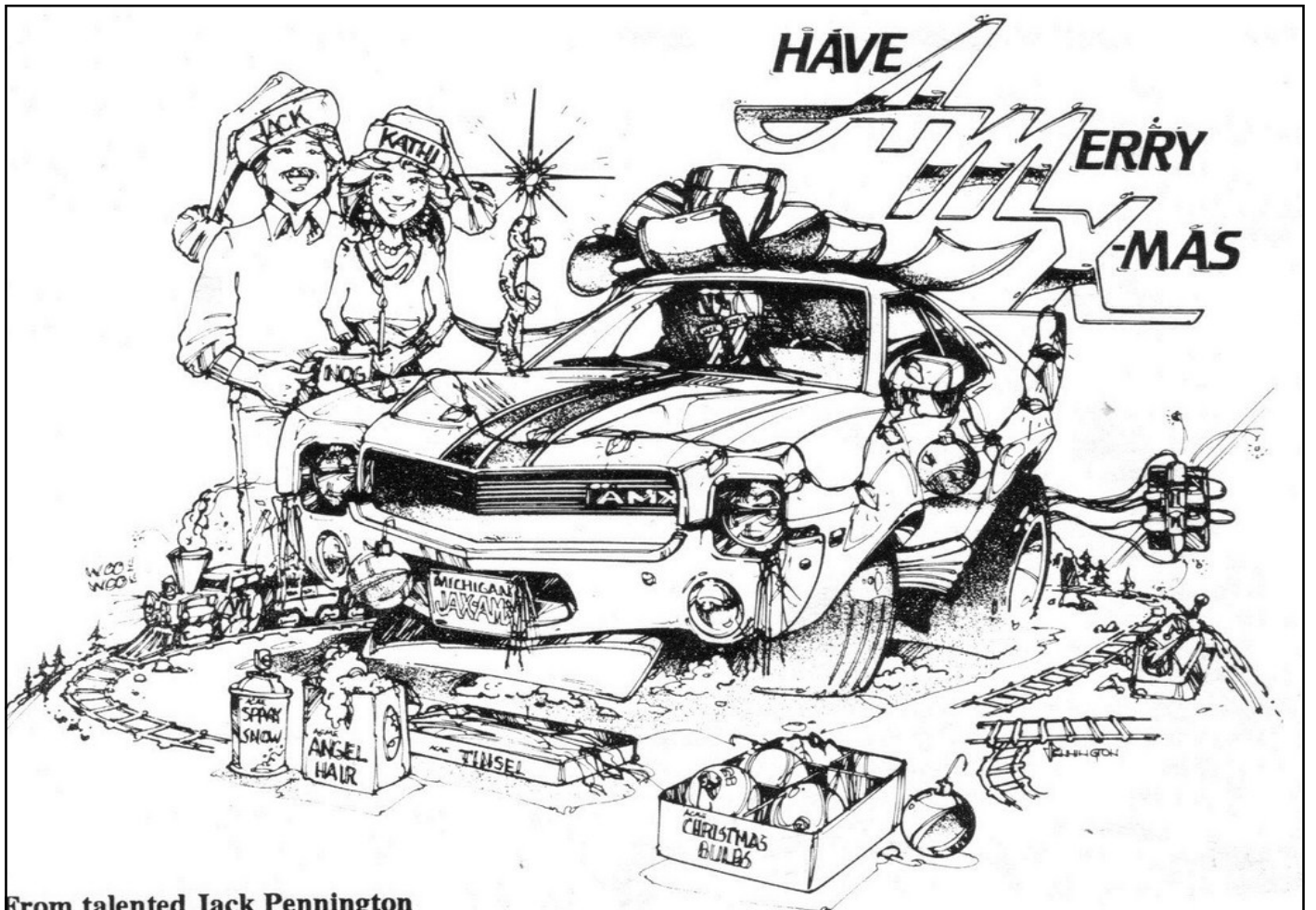
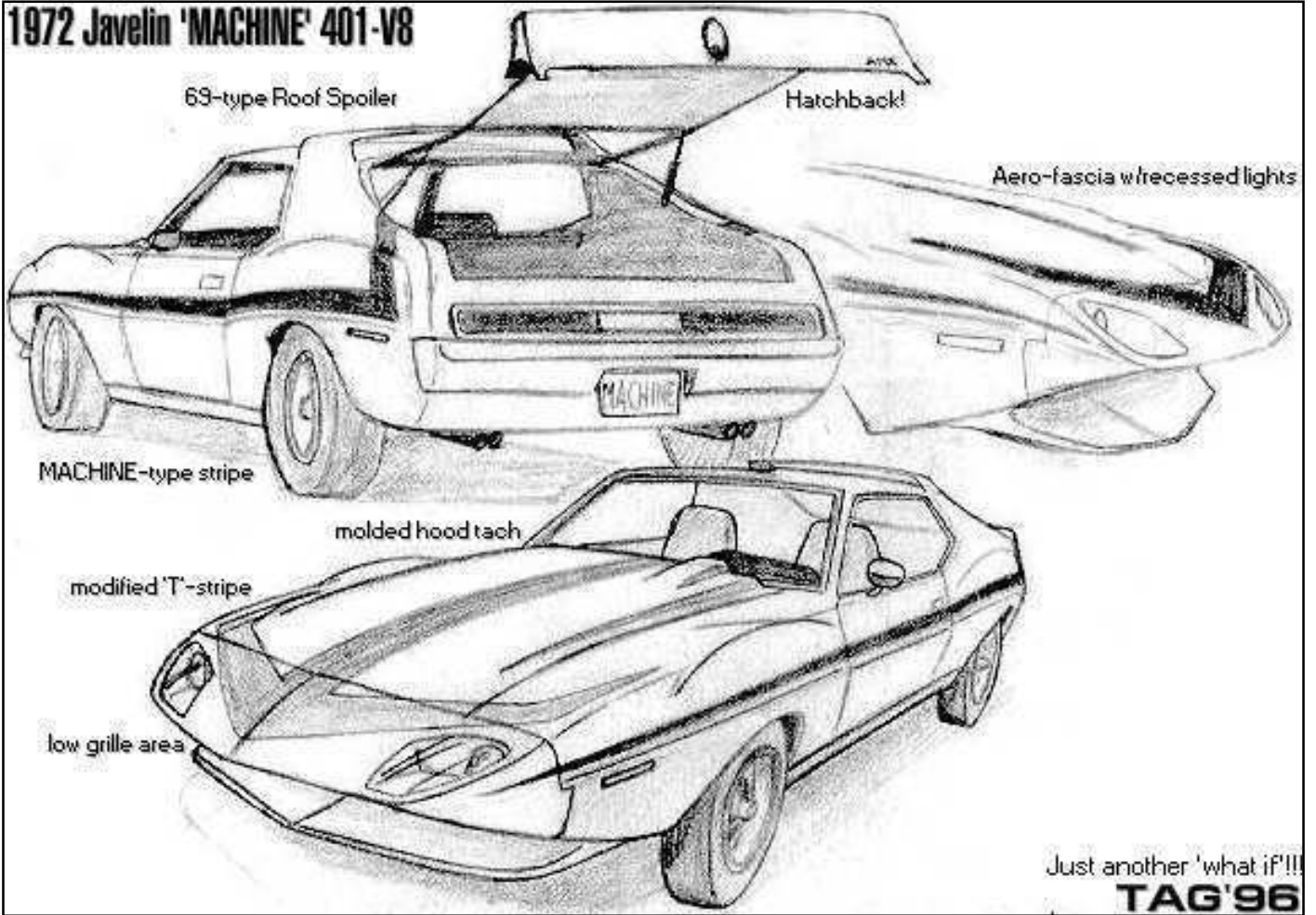
I had it in my car for the trip to Las Vegas last month and really enjoyed the ability to play songs from my phone straight into my now stereo car radio. And it looks stock while doing it.

The cost was not cheap (\$360) but the quality of work done on it was first class. If anyone is interested the person who did the conversion is Gary Tayman and his web site is [garytayman.com](http://garytayman.com).

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# 1972 Javelin 'MACHINE' 401-V8



# BURGER RUN

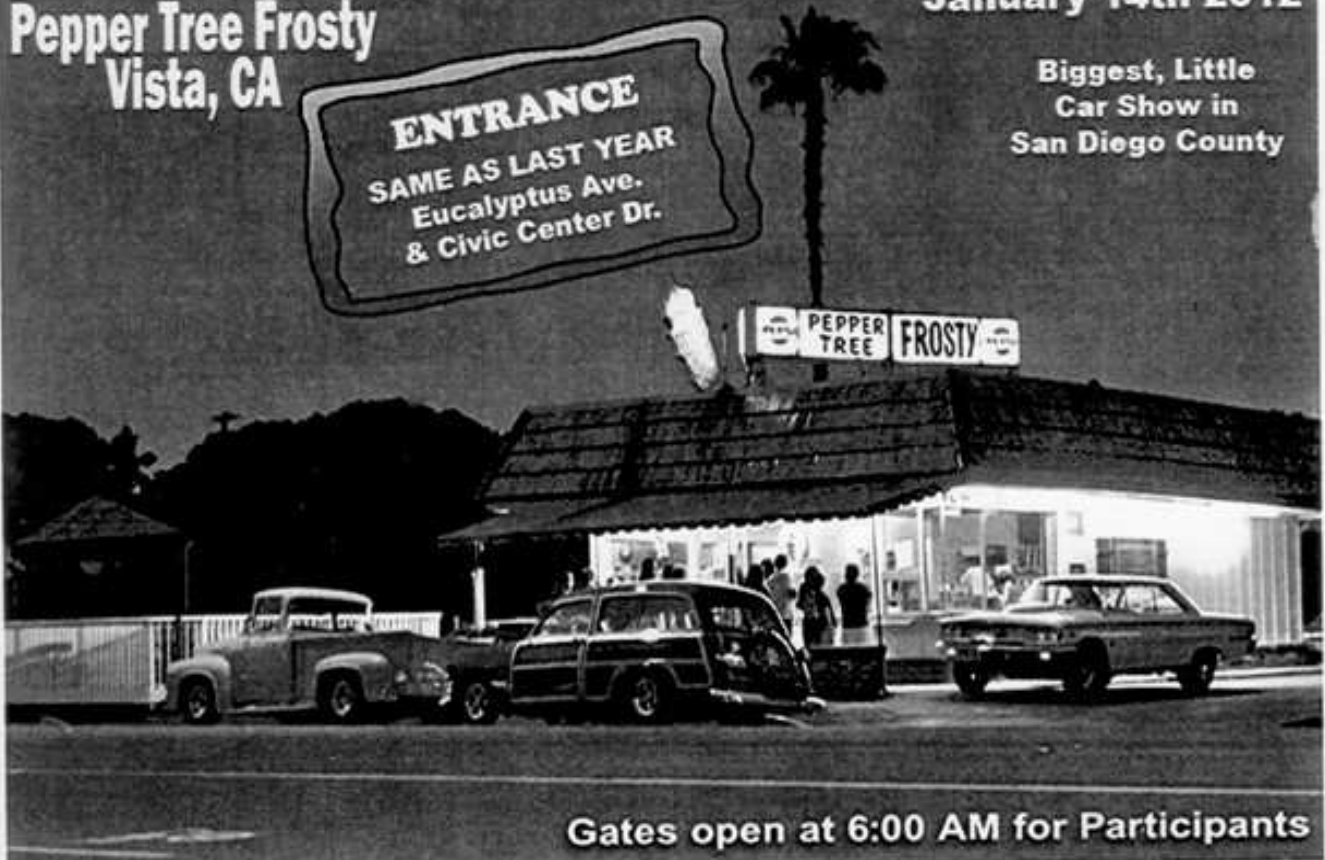
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Mark Melvin,  
SoCalAMX Newsletter Editor

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You don't need to be a super writer or own a wiz bang word processor program. All you have to do is just send me a simple email as your article text and I'll do all the formatting and spell checking for you.

Please do attach pictures to your email if you have them! Send your stuff to: [mightypilot@gmail.com](mailto:mightypilot@gmail.com)

## Member Spotlight

Now is your chance to be famous! We need volunteers for the monthly "Member Spotlight" article in the newsletter. All you have to do is give up some information on yourself and your car that you think might be fun for the others to read about.

It's easy to do, just go to <http://socalamx.net/memberspotlight.htm> and use the online form to send me the goods. Please send a few photos in addition to [mark@socalamx.net](mailto:mark@socalamx.net) to use along with your information about you and your car.

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